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APPLICATIONS ON STORAGE AREA NETWORK COMPONENTS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated August 23, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, par. 1, under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter, and as obvious (35 U.S.C. § 103) over cited art. On October 21, 2005, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner had a phone interview discussing the rejections. The Examiner said he would reconsider the Section 112 rejections in view of the arguments Applicants presented, which are presented herein. The Examiner indicated that the Section 101 rejection may be withdrawn in response to amending claim 31 to recite that the program is implemented in a computer readable medium, which applicants have done herein. Claim amendments also were discussed to further distinguish the claims over the cited art. Applicants amended the claims to further distinguish over the cited art and request entry of this amendment to advance prosecution.

Applicants submit that the Examiner should withdraw the Sections 112 and 101 rejections in view of the arguments and amendments made herein. Applicants further submit that the amended claims are patentable over the cited art for the reasons discussed herein, and that all pending claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 21-36 are now in condition for allowance.